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SUBJECT: MARITIME TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (MTC) - SPECIAL
GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (SGIO) MEETING,
MARCH 23-24

1. ALL KEY MEMBERS OF MTC WERE PRESENT FOR SESSION H
WHICH WAS CHAIRED BY C. HINZ (FRG).EXCEPT FOR SHORT
REVIEW OF IPG (MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT), MEETING WAS LIMIT
ED TO PREPARATION OF BASIC GROUP B POSITIONS FOR UNCTAD
COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING (GENEVA APRIL 12-22).

2. GROUP POSTPONED DECISION ON WHETHER IT SHOULD MEET
TO PREPARE FOR IPG SESSION SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 77.
US DEL RECEIVED SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FOR HOLDING SUCH A
PREPARATORY SESSION IN GENEVA IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE
IPG (INSTEAD OF A SEPARATE MEETING IN PARIS IN SEPTEMBER)
IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EXPECTED LATE
RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTS, AND TO SAVE WHAT WOULD BE AN
ADDITIONAL EXPENSE. GROUP ALSO AGREED TO ASK MRS. BLOM
OF SWEDEN IF SHE WOULD RECONSIDER HER DECISION TO STEP
DOWN AS GROUP B COORDINATOR. HOWEVER, IN EXPECTATION
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OF HER REFUSAL, GROUP NOMINATED REINHARDT GANTEN OF
FRG TO REPLACE HER.

3. IN REGARD TO UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING AGENDA
ITSELF, KEY ITEMS DISCUSSED INCLUDE STATUS OF CODE OF
CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES (NO.4), MARITIME
TRANSPORTS ASPECTS OF UNCTAD IV (NO. 5), AND ORGANIZA-

TION OF GROUP B FOR GENEVA.

4. ON THE UNCTAD LINER CODE, GROUP CONCLUDED THAT ALTHOUGH ITEM 4 SPEAKS OF "STATUS", THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE GROUP OF 77 WILL PROPOSE A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE RATIFICATION OF THE CODE. SINCE WE HAVE FACED THIS BEFORE, WE WILL APPLY STRATEGY SIMILAR TO THAT USED IN 1975. THE GROUP BELIEVES THAT THE RESOLUTION WILL BE NEITHER A SURPRISE NOR A DISASTER. GROUP ALSO DECIDED THAT ALTHOUGH THE OECD AND GROUP B SHOULD NOT ITSELF PROPOSE ANOTHER INFORMAL MEETING WITH G77, THE MAJORITY FELT THAT WE SHOULD PARTICIPATE IF THE 77 ASK, AND IF ANY NEW ELEMENTS ARE ADDED (I.E., THE MEETING SHOULD NOT SIMPLY BE A REVIEW OF ALREADY KNOWN POSITIONS.) MOREOVER, WE SHOULD EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDING GROUP D REPRESENTATION IN SUCH MEETINGS.

5. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RESOLUTIONS 92 AND 93 OF UNCTAD IV AND MARITIME TRANSPORT WAS DISCUSSED IN LIGHT OF TRANSPORT OF COMMODITIES. GROUP CONCLUDED THAT ISSUE WILL NOT BE RAISED IN GENEVA NEXT MONTH AT COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING, BUT THAT THE ISSUE MUST BE WATCHED. MOREOVER, CLOSE COORDINATION WITHIN GOVERNMENTS BETWEEN THOSE DEALING WITH COMMODITIES AND THOSE DEALING WITH UNCTAD SHIPPING WAS ENCOURAGED.

6. C. HINZ WILL CONTINUE AS GROUP B COORDINATOR FOR UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING. GROUP B VICE-SPOKESMEN
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WILL BE BANNARD OF UK AND UPTON OF AUSTRALIA. GROUP B WILL WORK TO ELIMINATE SEVERAL MEETINGS IN GENEVA DUE TO APPARENT DUPLICATION OF PLENARY MATTERS. GROUP B WILL MEET FOR ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSES AT 10 AM TUESDAY, APRIL 12 IN CONFERENCE ROOM 24 OF THE UNCTAD BUILDING.
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